THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 19th October 2026

Tannery Drift
First School
ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE
www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk

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
9-11.00	Year 4 Cross Country KJAR
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
3.40-6.10	Parent Consultations

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
5.30-8.00	Parent Consultations

Friday

12-12.30	Times Tables Club for Year 4

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent/Guardian consultations are taking place on 20th and 22nd October in the School Hall. You have hopefully by now managed to book an appointment on Arbor, however, if you have not and no times are showing as available, please get in touch with the School Office who can book you a slot. These evenings also give an opportunity to look at exercise books for children in Years 1-4.

Mrs Greetham will also be available during both evenings if any parents or guardians would like to pop in for an informal discussion.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Miss Ellie Lau to Tannery Drift, she joins the Office Team. She has enjoyed settling in and getting to know everyone this week.

Drama4ALL Workshop

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Drama4ALL Workshop to our school. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils enjoyed an exciting morning transforming into Eco Superheroes, taking part in engaging drama activities while learning about the importance of caring for our environment. The children had a wonderful time and were fully engaged throughout.



Year 1 Geography Walk to Royston

On Tuesday, Year 1 embarked on a walk into Royston as part of their Geography learning, to further their understanding of the world around them, starting close to home with where we live.

The children walked sensibly and behaved really well. Great work Year 1! Thank you to all the Parent Helpers that made this possible.





Year 3 Bug Hunt

Some of our year 3 children enjoyed exploring the school wildlife area and investigating the bug hotel. Armed with magnifying glasses, the children carefully observed the tiny creatures and habitats hidden within.

Alongside their exploration, the children also completed a fun creative activity, showing great enthusiasm, imagination and teamwork throughout the session.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn outdoors, develop their observation skills and gain a greater appreciation for the wildlife that can be found in our school environment.







Friends of Tannery Drift School

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369

Halloween Disco - today, school hall

We hope the children have a great time at the disco tonight and thank you in advance for all the staff and helpers who have made it possible.

FTDS 100 Club - closes at midnight tonight!

There's just a few hours left to sign up to the FTDS 100 Club and be in with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize! For more details, see the poster below.

- You can sign up here: https://bit.ly/4h5UubG

Uniform

We are continuing to sell second hand logo items of uniform - this includes jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and t-shirts, subject to stock availability. Please email us at ftdsuniform@gmail.com if you would like to request any items.

For now we are only asking for donations of good quality logo items - please no grey items or polo shirts. All donations must be clean, no holes or damage, and no stains. These can be dropped into the uniform bin outside the Year 1 classrooms, near the car park.

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 or email us at ftdsecopack@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary:

2026

Details to follow*
Newly added

Oct

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	96.9%
Red Robins	96.3%
Owls	96.7%
Pelicans	98.1%
Puffins	96.6%
Red Foxes	96.2%
Badgers	96.9%
Penguins	97.9%
Kingfishers	98.5%
Lions	96.3%

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.



Confidence Building **FUN**

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designed to help 4–12 year olds shine

“My daughter’s confidence grows with every session, she comes out taller and so proud every time.”
- Laurie Stewart

Perform Royston
The Old Schoolhouse, 4 Market Hill, SG8 9JL
Tuesdays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s)

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To book a free class visit perform.org.uk/try

PERFORM

Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children’s Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

October Half Term

24 October - 1 November 2026

This October half term, enjoy frightfully fun family activities at Discover Bucks Museum! Get creative with Halloween crafts and spooky science! Brave families can take on the Creepy Doll Hunt around the museum and no visit is complete without a trip to the Roald Dahl Children’s Gallery and our SAXONS exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code

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