THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 2nd November 2026

Tannery Drift
First School
ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE
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Monday

12-12.30	Art Club for Years 3 & 4

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9.30-11.00	Open Morning
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

12-12.30	Times Tables Club for Year 4



Happy Half-Term!

What a fantastic start to the school year it has been. We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved at the start of the school year. It has been a busy and successful half-term of learning, filled with hard work, enthusiasm and many memorable experiences. We wish all of our pupils, families and staff a happy, restful and well-deserved half-term break. We hope you enjoy some quality time together and return refreshed for the new term ahead.

Have a wonderful half-term!

Tannery Drift Open Morning

We are delighted to be holding the first of our two Open Mornings for prospective Nursery and Reception families on Wednesday 4th November.

Our Open Mornings offers an opportunity to enjoy an informal tour of the school, led by our wonderful Year 4 pupils, as well as the chance to meet and chat with members of our staff team.

This morning will run from 9.30am to 11.00am on a drop-in basis. To help us manage numbers on the day, please register your interest by contacting the school office at admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk.

If you are interested in a Nursery place for September 2027, applications are already open and can be made here:

Nursery 2027 Application Form

Children in Need – Friday 13th November 2026

Skipping Workshop Returns to School

We are delighted to welcome Skipping Workshops back to our school for an exciting and active day of skipping on Friday 13th November.

Children in Years 1 to 4 will take part in fun and inclusive workshops designed to help them learn new skills, enjoy being active and experience the many benefits of skipping. The sessions will focus on fitness, coordination, confidence and, most importantly, having fun! Our Early Years children will have a fun and active time in the Early Years gardens.

All children, including Nursery and Reception, should come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers.

They are also welcome to wear something yellow or Pudsey-themed to support Children in Need and help make the day even more special.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day of skipping, smiles and fundraising!

We are pleased to let you know that a small selection of Children in Need items will be available to purchase from the School Office. More details about the items available and prices will be shared closer to the date. If you wish to make a voluntary donation to Children in Need, we will also be sharing a ParentPay link after half term.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor and help make a meaningful contribution to our school community. This is a fantastic and rewarding opportunity to make a positive difference to our school community, helping to support and challenge the school so that every child can thrive.

As a Parent Governor, you will work alongside school leaders and fellow governors to support the school's continued success, contribute to important decisions and help ensure every child has the opportunity to flourish both academically and personally.



No previous governance experience is required, as full training and support will be provided.

For further information, please visit the school website or the National Governance Association website at www.nga.org.uk, or contact the School Office to arrange an informal, no-obligation conversation with Mrs Greetham.

We would love to hear from you and encourage any interested parent to consider this rewarding opportunity to help make a lasting impact on our school community.

New School Menu

Our new school lunch menu will be available on SchoolGrid during half-term.

Please remember to log in to SchoolGrid and select your child's meals in advance to ensure they receive their preferred choices.

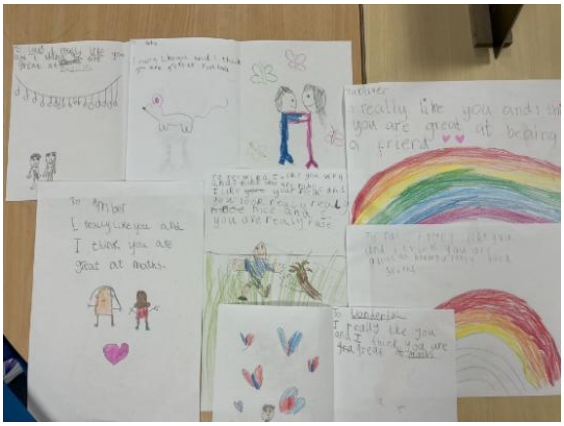
Kindness Week

This week, we celebrated Kindness Week across the school. Each year group took part in a variety of activities designed to promote kindness, friendship and respect for others.



Reception class enjoyed taking part in Kindness Week by sharing stories about kindness and discussing the many ways we can show care and consideration to others. The children had lots of fun creating their own kindness wands, which inspired conversations about helping friends, using kind words and making others feel happy and included. It was wonderful to see the children engage so thoughtfully with the activities and share their ideas about what kindness means to them. The week was filled with smiles, creativity and lots of thoughtful moments.

Year 2 Red Foxes enjoyed creating anonymous kindness posters for one another during Kindness Week. The class discussed how it felt to both make and receive kind messages and everyone agreed that it made them feel nice, joyful, valued and like they belonged. The activity helped the children recognise how small acts of kindness can have a positive impact on others and strengthen their sense of community within the classroom.



Baking Up a Storm in Year 4

A group of Year 4 children recently enjoyed taking part in some Mexican baking. The children had great fun mixing ingredients, getting creative and making some delicious treats to enjoy.

It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to try something new.

The children were incredibly proud of their creations and it was a joyful experience that they thoroughly enjoyed from start to finish.







Friends of Tannery Drift School

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Registered Charity: 291369

Halloween Disco

We hope the children had a great time at the disco last week! We raised a fantastic £934.08! A HUGE thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for making it happen.



FTDS 100 Club - October Winners!

We're kicking off our monthly cash draw with the FTDS 100 Club and the October winners are:

- 1st place - 01
- 2nd place - 14

Congratulations! First place wins £25 and second place wins £10.

You will receive an e-mail to confirm. Please respond so we can transfer your winnings to you. The next draw is November 27th.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards have been completed by all years and order forms will be sent home with your child after half-term when the online shop will 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.

FTDS CHRISTMAS FAIR - 27th November, School Hall

We're getting into the Christmas spirit and are excited to announce our FTDS Christmas Fair on 27th November!

It's set to be a lovely festive event, including stalls, nibbles and of course a raffle! As a sneak peak of just a few of the prizes we've got for the raffle:

* Bow Books Voucher

* Shepreth Wildlife Park Tickets

* Amazon Fire (donated by Ensum Brown)!



Raffle tickets and tokens for the event will be available to purchase after half term.

If you have a little time to spare and would like to help us organise the fair, please email friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary:

2026

Details to follow*
Newly added

Oct

Mon 26th	*Half Term Break*

Nov

Mon 2nd	Children back to school
Tue 3rd	Poppies on sale*
Wed 4th	Open Morning 9.30am
Wed 11th	Open Classrooms*
Thurs 12th	Open Morning 9.30am
Fri 13th	Children in Need*
	Skipping Workshop
	Penguin Class Assembly 9am
Fri 20th	Red Fox Class Assembly 9am
Fri 27th	Owl Class Assembly 9am
Fri 27th	FTDS Christmas Fair

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	98.8%
Little Tigers	97.1%
Red Robins	96.6%
Owls	97.1%
Pelicans	98.3%
Puffins	96.7%
Red Foxes	95.8%
Badgers	97.3%
Penguins	98.1%
Kingfishers	98.6%
Lions	96.5%

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.