THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 9th November 2026

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

Monday

12-12.30	Art Club for Years 3 & 4
3.15-4.25	Football Feet for Year 1
7.30pm	FTDS Meeting

Tuesday

8.45-10.00	Tannery Tots
9:30-10:30	Year 4 Cross Country KJAR
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 2-4

Wednesday

8.30-11.00	Rocksteady
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
3.20-4.00	Open Classroom & Art Gallery

Thursday

9.30-11.00	Open Morning
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

Children in Need – Skipping Worshop Years 1-4

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

Open Classrooms & Art Gallery

On Wednesday 11th November, we are delighted to welcome parents and carers of children in Reception to Year 4 to our Open Classrooms event. This is an informal opportunity to pop into school to see your child's work and learning environment.



Parents and carers of children in Nursery to Year 4 are also invited to visit our Arts Week Gallery, which will be displayed in the school hall on the same afternoon. The gallery will showcase some of the fantastic work that children have created during Arts Week.

We look forward to sharing some of this with you in an Arts Week special Noticeboard next Friday too!

Please note: Unfortunately, we are unable to extend the session on this occasion to accommodate children attending Afterschool Club. Thank you for your understanding.

Happy Diwali

To all our families who celebrate, we wish you a wonderful Diwali filled with joy and togetherness. May the light of Diwali bring happinessand positivity to all.



Open Morning

On Wednesday 4th November we hosted our first Open Morning of the year and were delighted to welcome over 40 new families for tours of the school. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from families, who shared many complimentary comments about the school's ethos, learning environment and welcoming community.

Applying for Nursery

To apply for a September 2027 Nursery place, applications are already open and can be made here: Nursery Application 2027

We offer the universal 15 free hours as well as the 30 hours scheme for working parents. Families can also make use of our wonderful Early Years wraparound care from 7.40am until 6pm. Applications close on 15th January 2027.

Applying for Reception

Reception applications are now open and are made directly to the County Council using their Online Application System. The deadline for on-time applications is 15th January 2027.

Applying for Year 5

If you have a child in Year 4 you will need to apply for a Year 5 place for September 2027.

Applications close on 15th January 2027:

Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council

Carol Concert – 9th December

We have started rehearsing our songs for the Carol Service at St John's Church for children in Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 9th December. You are warmly invited to attend this service which runs from 1.30pm – 2.30pm.



Christmas Lunch Day – 17th December

A reminder that Thursday 17th December is Christmas Dinner Day at Tannery Drift. This is always a highlight of the Christmas season at school for the children.

If your child would like a school Christmas dinner on Thursday 17th December, please ensure you place your order via School Grid by **Friday 27th November**. Children are also very welcome to bring a home-packed lunch if they would prefer.

To add to the festive fun, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or festive top on the day.

SEA Visit Report

We are pleased to share some of the report's main findings and observations, which reflect the positive experiences and outcomes across our school:

- Attendance remained strong at the beginning of the year.
- Well-established routines enabled pupils to focus quickly on the intended learning.
- High expectations for learning behaviours evident across lessons.
- Instructions were clear and precise, helping pupils understand the intended purpose of activities and maximising time for practice.
- Adult interactions in Early Years were purposeful and used effectively to extend children's thinking and move learning forward.
- Teachers listened carefully to pupils' contributions, judging well when to intervene and correct a misconception and when to allow pupils to complete their explanation before refining their understanding.

School Effectiveness Advisor comment:

"The school has a strong and established leadership team. Self evaluation is accurate and leaders know the school well. The team is highly reflective and committed to continuous improvement, always seeking to refine and strengthen practice and improve upon what they do."

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Christmas Cards - Online Shop Open!

The online shop is now OPEN to order your child's Christmas cards! All orders placed before Sunday 15th November will be delivered to school free of charge and sent home with the children at the end of November/beginning of December. Every purchase raises money for FTDS.
Your child should have come home with their form earlier this week - if you can't find it, please contact FTDS: friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

Mini Christmas Fair – Friday 27th November, from 3.15pm in the School hall

Plans for the Christmas Fair are coming together and it's going to be a great one!

There will be games, lucky dip, toys and books stalls, nibbles and of course a raffle! As a sneak peak of just a few of the prizes we've got for the raffle:

Here's just a few of the many prizes to be won on the raffle.....

- Amazon Fire HD 10 Kids Tablet (donated by Ensum Brown)
- Shepreth Wildlife Park Tickets
- Marvel Lego Advent Calendar
- Jolly Postie voucher
- Chalk Hare Pizza Gift Card
- The Art Room Gift Voucher
- Bury Lane Fun Barn tickets
- Mini facial at Esse



Raffle tickets - these will come home with your children early next week. Tickets are £1 each / £5 per book. You can buy all, some or none of your tickets.

- Complete Name and Tel directly onto all tickets that you wish to purchase
- **Return the stub part** along with the correct money in an envelope to the school office by **Thurs 26th Nov**. You can keep the larger side of the ticket.
- Please return any unused booklets to the school office.

Volunteers - we will be needing help to run the games and refreshments - if you are able to help out in any capacity please let us know. You'll also get entered into a separate 2nd helpers raffle as a thank you from FTDS. Please send an email to friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com with your availability.

Dates for your Diary:

2026

Details to follow*
Newly added

Nov

Mon 9th	FTDA Meeting 7.30pm
Tue 10th	Year 4 Cross Country
Wed 11th	Open Classrooms & Art Gallery
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
Mon 22nd	Children back to school

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	98.6%
Little Tigers	97.0%
Red Robins	96.9%
Owls	97.3%
Pelicans	98.2%
Puffins	96.9%
Red Foxes	95.8%
Badgers	97.4%
Penguins	98.1%
Kingfishers	98.7%
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.

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Christmas FAYRE



SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

11 AM TO 3 PM



Stalls, Music & Refreshments

FREE ENTRY & PARKING

King James Academy
East (Senior) Site

Garden Walk
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 7JF



Friends of King James Academy Royston

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