THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 16th November 2026

Tannery Drift
First School
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Monday

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

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 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

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

Missed the Flu Immunisation?

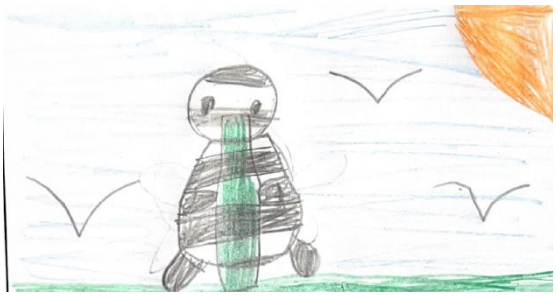
The Nursing Team will be returning to school on Monday 16th November to provide a catch-up flu immunisation session for children who were absent or unable to receive their vaccination during the initial visit.

The session will take place during the afternoon at school. If your child is eligible and you would like them to receive the flu immunisation, please ensure that the necessary consent has been provided.

Year 3 Stories Impress Author

Year 3 recently sent some of their writing to John Bond, the author of their focus book 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost' and were thrilled to receive a wonderful response from the author himself.

John praised the children's creativity, describing their stories as "BRILLIANT!" In his response, he picked out a few pieces of work to comment on, including Alfie's 'Mini Panda Not Lost', which he praised for its exciting cliffhanger ending, and Benji's 'Mini Lion Not Lost', which he commended for its imaginative character, illustrations and unique setting.





Open Classrooms & Art Gallery

On Wednesday 11th November, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our Open Classroom's & Art Gallery, where they enjoyed celebrating the children's learning and creativity.

This year's Arts Week was inspired by renowned British artist David Hockney. Children explored his vibrant use of colour, landscapes, portraits and mixed media techniques, creating a wonderful range of artwork across the school. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and talent and while every piece was special, we are pleased to share a small glimpse of some of the fantastic work produced during the week.

Nursery






Reception






Year 1






Year 2






Year 3






Year 4






Friends of Tannery Drift School

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Christmas Cards - Free delivery before Sunday 15th November

A reminder to order your child's Christmas cards before **Sunday 15th Nov** for free delivery to school. Cards will then be sent home with the children at the end of November/beginning of December. Every purchase raises money for FTDS.

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

The Christmas Fair is only two weeks away! There'll be games stalls, including a lucky dip, guess the baubles, human fruit machine, along with selling smaller Christmas goodies for the kids to enjoy and refreshments.

🎁 **Raffle Tickets** - there are some fantastic prizes to be won! To enter, you should all have received a raffle booklet this week in your child's bag.
(If you haven't, please contact friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com)
Tickets are £1 each / £5 per book. You can buy all, some or none of your tickets. Please follow these instructions:

- Add your name and number onto all tickets that you wish to purchase
- **Return this smaller 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.

🎄 **Additional raffle booklets** - we are offering additional booklets per family on a first come, first served basis from Monday. The booklets are available to pick up from the office. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair, but don't worry if you cannot attend, all winners will be contacted afterwards.

🪙 **Tokens** - we will be running a token system again, alongside card payments. Tokens can be used at all the games stalls as well as refreshments and to purchase stock. Tokens are valued at 50p each with a minimum of 10 tokens for £5.
If you'd like to buy these tokens before the fair (along with any raffle card payments) and minimise queuing, pop along to outside the school office at drop off and pick up on the following days next week: **Monday 16th Nov, Thursday 19th Nov and Friday 20th Nov.**

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

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
Mon 18th	FTDS Meeting 7.30pm

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	96.0%
Red Robins	97.2%
Owls	96.9%
Pelicans	98.4%
Puffins	97.1%
Red Foxes	95.9%
Badgers	97.0%
Penguins	97.9%
Kingfishers	98.7%
Lions	95.5%

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.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

In the school hall and dining room

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

3.15pm-5.00pm

CASH AND CARD* ACCEPTED

*no card payments on game stalls, but tokens will be available to purchase

- Refreshments
- Games
- Toy/book sale
- Lucky dip

PLUS

drawing of the raffle at 4pm!

