

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 14th February 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

It has been fantastic to welcome all of our families into school this week for our Spring Term Parent Consultations. We know that the time spent discussing pupil achievements, progress and next steps with parents is extremely valuable. Knowing that home and school are working together in partnership really helps our pupils to understand the importance of a positive attitude to learning and how they can continue to challenge themselves to be the very best they can be.

With World Book Day on our minds after half term (see later in the newsletter for more info), one particularly powerful way that families can support what we do here in school is by spending time reading regularly (daily) with your children and sharing stories, poems and non-fiction together. Just 15-20 minutes a day reading at home, builds up week after week, month after month in a way that supports reading fluency, comprehension and - of course - enjoyment! Another great way to reinforce knowledge is simply to ask about what new piece of learning your child has encountered that day. If you don't ask - you'll never know..!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Y5 enjoyed some time around the fire-pit (see above!) in the Nature Garden today - cooking lots of tasty pancakes!
- Nearly 150 pupils attended the Friends Film Night last Friday - thank you!
- We invited all our families into school this week for our Spring Term Parent Consultations - over 300 conversations took place!
- The athletics sports equipment prize that the school won as part of the Ely Standard competition arrived this week. We can't wait to start using it!
- The half term break starts today. Term re-starts on Monday 24th February.

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Updates and Information



School Meals – Weekly Meal Patterns

A polite reminder to all families to please let the school office know if there are any changes to your child's regular school meals pattern. Please email office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk with any changes.

It is really important for the smooth organisation of our busy school lunch-times that we hold the correct information for school meal numbers each day so that we minimise food waste and avoid unnecessary delays. Thank you for your help with this.

Updated Parent Contact Information

You are now able to update any new contact details (including email, mobiles and address) yourself via the Sims Parent site.

Just visit www.sims-parent.co.uk



Sports Equipment for Schools – Prize



Thanks to the amazing efforts of all of our families in the weeks leading up to Christmas, you will know that ESJ won the Ely Standard 'Sports Equipment for Schools' voucher collection competition. We were very excited to take delivery of the first part of our prize this week - over £1,500 worth of indoor athletics equipment to support our PE curriculum. The photos above give you an idea of some of the fantastic resources we won!

We are still in the process of liaising with the organisers to schedule the second part of our prize - a visit from a professional athlete. More information to follow shortly, we hope!



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From The Friends



Latest Newsletter

New committee

Chair: Fran Greaves
Treasurer: Joanna Walmsley
Secretary: Sonja Nicholson-Austridge
Communications Officer: Emma Magee
Operations Advisor: Brian Calvert
Grants Officer: Silver Guest-Guy
Administration Officer: Laura Woods

We're also grateful to all you volunteers, old & new. If you're interested in volunteering yourself please join our WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BiF4M7x69Ky49bqAPqw0ZF>

What we've achieved

This past year we have raised funds to build and stock the school library and we are currently working with the school on identifying new fundraising goals for this year... watch this space!

We want to also say a big thank you to all our trustees who have stepped down and helped make the library happen - you will be missed

Check out the latest Friends newsletter - sent out earlier this week - for the recent updates and post-AGM news.

Also, a reminder to visit the Friends website for further information and to book tickets to any upcoming events.

www.pta-events.co.uk/esj

Upcoming Events



Uniform Sale

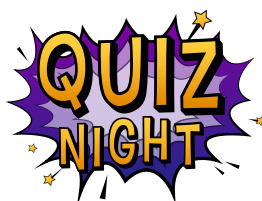
Thursday 27th February (2:55pm - 3:20pm)

Adults Quiz Night

Friday 28th February (7:30pm)

Nearly New Sale

Saturday 22nd March (2pm - 4pm)



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6 MARCH 2025

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Read Your Way!

In celebration of World Book Day, on **Thursday 6th March 2025**, we would like to invite the children to dress up for the day as their favourite character from a book. Costumes must be practical for school activities.

Please do not feel the need to spend lots of money on costumes. As some children have asked, please can we say no thank you to inflatable costumes!

You are also invited to come into school on World Book Day and join your child in a reading session. Further details will come from your child's class teacher in due course, but save the date!

Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Mon 17th Feb:

- Half Term break begins

Mon 24th Feb:

- Spring Term re-starts

Thur 27th Feb:

- Friends 'Pre-loved' Uniform Sale (2:55pm - 3:20pm)

Fri 28th Feb:

- Friends Quiz Night for grown ups (7:30pm)



Long Term Dates:

March

Thur 6th - World Book Day

Sun 9th - Nature Garden Working Party (10am - 12pm)

Mon 10th - Fri 14th - British Science Week

Sat 22nd - Friends 'Nearly New' sale (2pm - 4pm)

Wed 26th + Thur 27th - Y3/4 Performances to Parents

w/b Mon 31st Mar - Y5 Bikeability week

April

Fri 4th - Last day of Spring Term

Wed 23rd - Summer Term Starts



Term dates and staff training days for the [2024/25](#) and [2025/26](#) academic years can be found on our website:

www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278



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