

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 16th May 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

Looking back on an especially busy week for this particular Headteacher, I have been reflecting on the multiple ways in which different groups of people go out of their way to volunteer their time and energy to support the school.

Monday evening was a detailed and extensive Friends committee meeting, Tuesday was a Governors Standards meeting looking at pupil progress and curriculum development and Wednesday was a series of meetings with parents about pupil support. In all of these cases (and many more in between!), the commitment to support the work of the school is ever present. Volunteers and parents gifting time and energy to help ESJ to continue to improve is hugely appreciated and makes a massive difference. Thank you! Thinking about ways to support the school, the Friends have today launched year group Amazon 'Wish Lists' - another great way to 'lend a hand' (see page 2 of the newsletter!).

I hope to see lots of you at Sports Day events next week - fingers crossed for good weather!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Well done to all the Y6 pupils for their hard work in completing the national KS2 tests this week.
- Y2 enjoyed a brilliant visit from our local fire engine and crew on Tuesday as part of their history work on the 'Great Fire of London'.
- Excitement is building for Friday's Friends 'Film Night' - loads of tickets have been sold!
- All year groups have been practising for our Sports Day events in Healthy Lifestyles week next week.
- Our latest parent Coffee Morning event (discussing Smartphone use for children) on Friday was really well attended.



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Updates and Information



From the Friends



In collaboration with school staff, the Friends are delighted to be able to share a series of Amazon 'Wish List' links for parents who are able to and would like to support classes with important and useful resources. The success of the Library 'Wish List' last summer term was overwhelming and the team have worked hard to produce the list below so that there are as wide a range of items as possible.

There is obviously absolutely no obligation for anyone to make a donation in this way, however we do know that many parents are keen to help and support the school as directly as possible - and this is one fantastic way!

Please do take a look!



Year Group - Amazon Wish List links...

EYFS - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/17614BX6UR6UW?ref=wl_share

Yr 1 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/9B8JW3ZMVT6?ref=wl_share

Yr 2 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/17JP9WB7PX006?ref=wl_share

Yr 3&4 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3EZLBBHKTCCC7?ref=wl_share

Yr 5 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/MS2Q6UD0HZ3P?ref=wl_share

Yr 6 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2WFRT1SIQCN5Y?ref=wl_share

Don't forget to check out the Friends website for details of upcoming events - www.pta-events.com/esj/

Upcoming Events...



Film Night (Friday 16th May - 5:30pm - 7:15pm)

Adult Bingo Night (Friday 6th June - 7:30pm)



Updates and Information

ESJ Sports Days and Healthy Lifestyles Week

(Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May)

As you already know, the ESJ 'Healthy Lifestyles' week, including year group Sports Day events, will be taking place next week - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May. It is always one of the most action-packed weeks of the school year and we are very much looking forward to having lots of spectators in school for the Sports Day events.



As well as taking part in Sports Day events, all pupils will be exploring the Healthy Lifestyle theme of 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. Teachers will be sharing activities, games and ideas each day to support healthy lifestyle choices and positive wellbeing.



It promises to be a great way to finish the first half of our Summer Term!

Sports Day Timetable

Monday 19th May (9:00am - 10:00am - Year 6)

Monday 19th May (1:30pm - 2:30pm - Year 4)

Tuesday 20th May (9:30am - 10:30am - Year 1)

Tuesday 20th May (1:30pm - 2:30pm - Year 3)

Wednesday 21st May (9:30am - 10:30am - Foundation Stage)

Wednesday 21st May (1:30pm - 2:30pm - Year 5)

Thursday 22nd May (9:30am - 10:30am - Year 2)

Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

May

Fri 16th - Friends 'Film Night' event

w/b Mon 19th - ESJ Healthy Lifestyles Week + Sports Days

Mon 19th - Y6 Sports Day (9:30am)
Y4 Sports Day (1:30pm)

Tue 20th - Y1 Sports Day (9:30am)
Y3 Sports Day (1:30pm)

Wed 21st - EYFS Sports Day (9:30am)
Y5 Sports Day (1:30pm)

Wed 21st + Fri 23rd May - Y3/4 Ancient Greeks History Day

Thur 22nd - Y2 Sports Day (9:30am)

Mon 26th - Fri 30th - Half Term week

Long Term Dates:

June

Mon 2nd - Summer Term re-starts

Wed 4th - Class Photograph Day

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th - Y6 Residential Trip (Caythorpe)

Fri 27th - Ely Arts Festival (Y3 Performing)

July

Wed 16th - Fri 18th - Y4 Residential Trip (Burwell House)

Tue 22nd - Last Day of Summer Term



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

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