

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 17th January 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

To start the new term, the theme of my assemblies with all year groups has been focused on the 'ripple effect' that each and every one of us has on those around us. I have challenged the pupils to make this term one in which our words and actions create a positive ripple effect that impacts their classmates, friends and adults here in school (and at home).

Using simple examples such as sharing a smile and a cheerful welcome to each other first thing in the morning or including a friend in a game or activity at break-time, we have talked about the power of small actions to spread widely. Kindness, helpfulness and inclusivity all start with our own thoughts, words and actions but can affect all those around us so positively.



The ripple effect that we all have on those around us at school and at home will continue to be championed throughout this term - along with an understanding of just how much of a difference each of us can make when we keep this in mind.

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Our 17 after-school clubs started this week - with over 150 pupils attending at least one club.
- The Year Six Dodgeball team played superbly in today's tournament at Witchford - great teamwork on show throughout!
- We are excitedly waiting for our Athletics Kit prize for collecting the most 'Sports Equipment for Schools' vouchers last term!
- The Friends shared information about their upcoming AGM on Monday 10th February - hope to see you there!
- All classes have settled back into the routines and expectations of school really well after the Christmas break.

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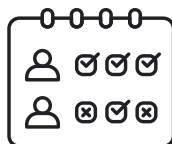
Family Contact Details + Medical Updates



Just a reminder to make sure that you contact the school office with any changes in personal contact details. We have encountered a number of out-of-date mobile numbers and email addresses since the start of term when attempting to contact families. Please email office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk with any updates.

In addition, if there are any medical changes for pupils (e.g. asthma) please ensure that we are made aware of this so that our files and any care plans can be appropriately updated. Please email cgodfrey@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk with this.

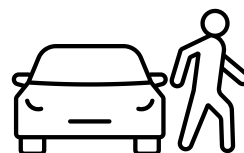
Pupil Absence Reporting



To support the important reporting of pupil absence, please can we ask that parents continue to use our phone line (01353 612780) to report a pupil absence in the first instance (and before 9:00am).

Email notification of absence can take slightly longer to process and it is important that we have accurate pupil registration data as soon as possible each day.

School Car Park - Drop Off Bay



A further reminder to all our families that the 'Drop Off' bay in the school car park is for dropping off and immediate exit only - and not for short stay parking. Particularly at the end of the school day, a number of cars have been using this area to park up and walk onto the school site to collect pupils. We appreciate how busy local roads are at the start and end of the school day, however, it is essential that the drop off bay is not used for parking.

Thank you for your support with this - the safety of all pupils and staff remains our number one priority at all times. We do not wish to close the car parks to all parent traffic, but will consider this if we continue to experience the misuse of this area.

Competition Success!

A huge thank you to the whole school community for helping us to collect the most (per pupil) tokens of all Cambridgeshire schools in the 'Sports Equipment for Schools' competition last term. We are excitedly awaiting our athletics kit bag and athlete visit!



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From The Friends



Notification of AGM

The Friends 2025 AGM is taking place on Monday 10th February at 7:00pm here at school.

All parents are welcome to attend and find out more about the work that the committee do to support the school. Even if you feel that you are not able to commit time on a regular basis, please feel free to come along. As well as committee roles, there are many different ways in which you can get involved - from volunteering at events and help with fundraising, to support with specific projects and new ideas.

We very much hope to see you there!

AGM
Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Monday 10th of February at 7 – 7.30pm
Staffroom at Ely St Johns School.
Everyone Welcome.

Parentkind
Member Association

Upcoming Events



- 'Nearly New Sale:** Saturday 1st February (2pm - 4pm) (in school Hall)
- Film Night:** Friday 7th February
- AGM Meeting:** Monday 10th February (7pm) (in school Staffroom)

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

January

Thur 23rd

- Parent Coffee Morning Event (9am)
(EBSA - Emotionally Based School Avoidance)

Wed 29th

- Vision Screening (Foundation Stage pupils)

February

Mon 3rd:

- Y6 'Young Voices' trip - O2 Arena

Fri 7th:

- Friends 'Film Night' event

Mon 10th:

- Friends AGM (7pm)

Tue 11th, Wed 12th + Thur 13th:

- Parent Consultations



Long Term Dates:

February

Mon 17th - Fri 21st - Half term break

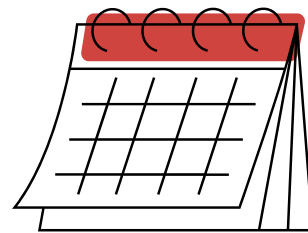
April

Fri 4th - Last day of Spring Term

Wed 23rd - Summer Term Starts

Term Dates:

Term dates for the rest of this academic year and for 2025/26 can be viewed on the school website - see link at bottom of page...



Term dates and staff training days for the 2024/25 academic year can be found on our website:

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