

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 31st January 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

Across the country next week (3rd - 9th February), schools are supporting 'Children's Mental Health Week' 2025 and here at ESJ we will most certainly be taking part. The theme for this year is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and our assemblies, activities and discussion will be focused on helping pupils understand themselves and their emotions.



As well as exploring emotions and how we understand them, we will be promoting self-awareness for all pupils. We are very aware of how developing a strong sense of self-awareness in young people can support with resilience, managing change and working well with others.

For more parent information and resources about 'Children's Mental Health Week', do check out the official website...

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Y6 have been excitedly rehearsing for their trip to 'Young Voices' at the O2 Arena on Monday next week.
- Friends Film Night for pupils is next week - Friday 7th February.
- Rev. Phil from St. Mary's Church came into school to work with Y2 on Friday this week.
- Foundation Stage pupils took part in the national 'Vision Screening' checks on Wednesday.
- The booking system for the upcoming Parent Consultations goes live on Saturday - 1st February (10am).

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Updates and Information



Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that the online booking system for Parent Consultations goes 'live' tomorrow (Saturday 1st February) at 10:00am.

The consultations are taking place in the week before half term - **on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February**. Please arrive at the school office five minutes before your consultation start time and staff will be available to show you in the right direction.

As with any appointment, if you arrive after your designated time slot, it is likely that you will need to re-arrange a consultation for a different day as teachers are running multiple, consecutive sessions in most cases. Thank you for your understanding with this.

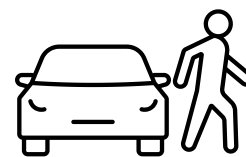
Coffee Morning Events



Our latest 'Coffee Morning' event for parents took place on Thursday last week - with a focus on the challenges of getting children into school every day and feeling positive about coming into the building each morning.

We are very keen to continue our Coffee Morning events and make them even more regular. If you do have any topics or areas of concern that you would welcome being discussed at an event like this, please do email the school office with your suggestions. We'd like to hear from you!

School Car Park - Drop Off Bay



Following on from the message in the newsletter two weeks ago, we are very aware that a small number of vehicles are continuing to use the drop-off zone as a short stay car park. Despite our best efforts, if this does continue we will need to make a decision on whether to close the car park gates at certain times of the school day to restrict traffic movement. School staff will be monitoring this area over the coming weeks until half term.

Thank you to all of our parent community who are parking appropriately and considerately - it is very much noticed and appreciated.

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From The Friends



AGM Reminder

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

All parents are welcome and we very much hope to see you there!



FRIENDS OF ESJ PTA PRESENTS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH LOCAL QUIZ LEGEND IAN

SpeedQuizzing

No Pens, No Paper, No Cheating
...and LOTS of fun!

18+



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Join us for
QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 28th Feb
Doors open 7.30
Quiz starts 8.00

18+ Bring your own adult drinks & snacks
Cash prizes to be won, fun guaranteed!
£6 entry / table of 6 £30. Everyone welcome
Book now: www.pta-events.co.uk/esj

Adult Quiz Night

Following the success of the recent Bingo Night, The Friends PTA Team has partnered with local Speed-Quizzing legend Ian for a PTA Quiz Night on Friday 28th February. The evening is adults-only so everyone can let their hair down! Doors open at 7.30 ready for the quiz to start at 8.00 and will be held in the school hall.

You absolutely don't have to be a quiz pro. There'll be fun questions on trivia, music, sports, general knowledge and much more. Ian promises loads of laughs and audience interaction. You might even win a cash prize, so whether you're Quizteam Aguilera, Quizzee Rascal or just Universally Challenged, please come and support your PTA!

Book tickets at www.pta-events.co.uk/esj

Upcoming Events



- Film Night:** Friday 7th February
- AGM Meeting:** Monday 10th February (7pm) (in school Staff Room)
- Adults Quiz Night** Friday 28th February

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Mon 3rd Feb:

- Y6 'Young Voices' trip - O2 Arena

Fri 7th Feb:

- Friends 'Film Night' event

Mon 10th Feb:

- Friends AGM (7pm)

Tue 11th Feb:

- Parent Consultations

Wed 12th Feb:

- Parent Consultations

Thur 13th Feb:

- 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 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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