

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 2nd May 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

A very warm (literally!) welcome to the Summer Term to all of the ESJ school family! It has been a very busy and productive first week and a half back and I have been very impressed with how all classes have settled quickly back into good learning habits. Let's keep this up everyone!

Each year group teaching team has met with school leaders for 'Pupil Progress Meetings' in these first few days back. We do this termly and these detailed discussion sessions allow us to focus in on...

-pupil progress and attainment - staffing and resourcing
-pupil support and challenge - curriculum organisation

Although attainment and progress data is necessarily put under the microscope in these meetings, a huge amount of pupil focused discussion takes place and next steps for learning identified for individuals and groups. All pupils across the whole school are discussed and no stone is left unturned when it comes to ensuring that we provide the very best opportunities that we possibly can.

A great team effort all round - thank you!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- The Y5 classes have begun their swimming sessions for this term at The Hive pool.
- Author Chip Colquhoun visited ESJ on Monday - sharing the history of stories with everyone in a whole school assembly and then officially opening our new library.
- The Friends 'Raise £25 by 25th April' Easter Challenge was brilliantly supported by so many pupils and families - raising over £4,000!
- Y2 enjoyed a fantastic 'Great Fire of London' day on Tuesday thanks to 'History Off the Page' and lots of parent volunteers!
- Foundation Stage pupils have loved exploring the new areas and wooden equipment in the courtyard as part of their outdoor learning.

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Updates and Information

Our Library is Officially Open!

On Monday this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming author Chip Colquhoun into school. As well as leading an inspiring whole school assembly, Chip was joined by school governors, the Friends, staff and pupils to officially open our new school library. This valuable resource has been funded thanks to the amazing fundraising work of our parent community via the Friends and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the part you have played in creating a brilliant space for reading for many years to come!

Check out the report in the Ely Standard about Chip's visit if you haven't done so already -

<https://www.elystandard.co.uk/news/25125056.ely-primary-school-library-opened-author-chip-colquhoun/>



School Site Updates

Lots has been going on in terms of improvements to the school site over the Easter break. Many of you will have seen the new fencing around the bike store at the front of the school and next to the Y1 courtyard - it looks very smart! The Foundation Stage courtyard has also begun its transformation into a new-look space, even better placed to support pupil development and learning. Thanks to a wonderful donation from the Thomas Parsons' Charity, you can see below just what a fantastic space has been created...



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Updates and Information

ESJ Sports Days and Healthy Lifestyles Week

(Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May)

We are excited to be able to share that the ESJ 'Healthy Lifestyles' week, including year group Sports Day events, will be taking place in the week before half term - 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 sharing details with you about this and inviting parents into school for the Sports Day events.



Further information about Sports Days (including which day of the week each year group event is taking place) is being sent out in letter form today and a further update about the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' theme of Healthy Lifestyles Week will follow at the start of next week.



From the Friends



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter '£25 by 25th April' challenge. The team have been blown away by all of the creative ways children and their families have raised money! Over £4,000 in total is amazing!

THANK
YOU

Please do 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)



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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

May

Mon 5th - May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tues 6th - Y6 Residential Trip (Caythorpe)
Parent Meeting (3:10pm)

Tues 6th - Y5 Swimming Session (Mrs. Chapman's Class)

Wed 7th - Visiting Storyteller in EYFS

Mon 12th - Thur 15th - KS2 (Y6) National Test Week

Fri 16th - Friends 'Film Night' event

Fri 16th - Parent Coffee Morning Event (9am)
(Topic - Smartphones)



Long Term Dates:

May

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

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

Mon 26th - Fri 30th - Half Term week

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)



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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