

# Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 21st March 2025



## Headteacher's Notes:

In my notes to you all this week, I would like to highlight some of the fantastic opportunities that we aim to offer as part of our commitment to the creative arts and performance. This aspect of our curriculum has been at the forefront of the week with music, drama and art events seemingly every day! We know that developing skills of communication, performance and presentation are as important as academic learning.

In particular, I would like to mention the wonderful performances of our school orchestra and school choir at the Ely Schools Music Festival at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday. Everyone in attendance was hugely impressed with the talents on show. A big thank you to the staff and all parents for your dedication to supporting our young musicians. Here in school, Year 3/4 have been busy rehearsing for their performances next week and Year 5 have been sharing their knowledge and learning with parents through an open exhibition of work about Antarctica (as well as singing at Ely Cathedral last week!). We have lots more planned for the remainder of this term and into the summer - watch this space!

Mr. Henson

## ESJ at a Glance

- The Scholastic 'Book Fair' arrived in school and is all set up for our sales event this afternoon (Friday 21st - 3pm).
- Our Y6 Netball team took part in the Ely District Tournament last week - playing superbly the team lost just one game and finished in 4th place overall.
- Year 5 held their exhibition of work about Antarctica and welcomed in family and friends to the school hall to view it all.
- A huge thank you to all the visitors who came in and spoke to different year groups as part of British Science Week last week.
- The school orchestra and choir performed brilliantly at the Ely Schools Music Festival on Wednesday.

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# Updates and Information

## Grounds Morning Working Party Event

A big thank you to all of the staff, parent and pupil volunteers who gave up their time on Sunday 9th March to help tidy, weed, plant, repair and build in different areas of the school site. We were able to achieve far more than we expected and were delighted with the final result.

Tasks completed included the removal of ageing fencing that was no longer purposeful, cutting back overgrown areas of the Nature Garden, repairing the reading chair in the outdoor reading circle and replacing a broken gate.

Thank you everyone - look out for further Grounds Morning events next term!



## Year 5 at Ely Cathedral

Linked to their work in Music, Year 5 rehearsed and performed a selection of songs at Ely Cathedral as part of the Ely Primary Schools Choir last week. Family and friends were invited along to listen to the performance and all involved had a fantastic time. Well done Year 5!



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Scholastic  
Book Fair  
Friday 21st  
March 2025  
In The Gallery  
3-4pm

**READ  
YOUR WAY**



## Scholastic Book Fair

A reminder that the visiting Book Fair sale is taking place after school today (3:00pm - 4:00pm) in the Gallery.

Please enter the school via the door adjacent to the rear of the school hall and you will be directed inside.

Happy reading!

## After-School Clubs - Summer Term

There is a fantastic selection of twenty after-school clubs running for the Summer Term. If you haven't done so already, please do visit the 'Clubs' page of the school website to find out more...

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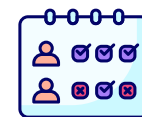
Options include:

- sports (football, athletics, multi-sports, karate),
- dance (ballet, street dance, jazz/modern)
- performance (Musical Theatre)
- music (guitar, choir, orchestra)
- creative arts (Art Creations, construction, Laura Draws)
- outdoor (Nature Club)
- languages (French)



You can book places on any of the clubs directly through the website links - or contact the school office for further information.

## Reporting Pupil Absence



A polite reminder that if your child is unwell and off school, please phone the school office (01353 612780) by 9:15am on the day of absence to leave a message. Failure to do so will mean that the school office will need to contact you to find out the reason for absence. A significant amount of office time can be wasted chasing reasons for pupil absence - please support us to minimise this as much as possible! Thank you.

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# Calendar

## Upcoming Dates:

### March + April

**Wed 26th** - Y3/4 Performances to Parents  
(9:15am and 1:45pm)

**Wed 26th** - Y5 'Bike Checks' day ahead of  
'Bikeability' Week

**Thur 27th** - Y3/4 Performance to Parents  
(1:45pm)

**Mon 31st Mar - Thur 3rd Apr** - Y5 'Bikeability'  
sessions

**Tue 1st** - EYFS Craft Afternoon with parents

**Tue 1st** - Y1 Trip (Mr. Killick's Class) to Ely  
Museum

**Wed 2nd** - Choir Performing to Parents  
(3:55pm)

**Thur 3rd** - Y1 Trip (Mrs. Carter's Class) to Ely  
Museum

## Long Term Dates:

### April

**Fri 4th** - Last day of Spring Term

**Wed 23rd** - Summer Term Starts

### May

**Mon 5th** - May Day Bank Holiday - School  
Closed

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

**Mon 26th - Fri 30th** - Half Term week



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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